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Montana's basketball Grizzlies are off on the first of the last two road trips in the fading 1970 cage season.

The Tips left for Butte early Thursday morning by car and caught a plane to Ogden, Utah. Montana meets the league leading Weber Wildcats Friday and Saturday night then flies up to Pocatello for a Monday game with the second place Idaho State Bengals.

The trip must produce three wins if the Tips are to stay alive in the conference race. Weber is 9-2 in the conference and Idaho State is 7-4. Montana has a 5-4 league mark.

Beating Weber is no easy task. The Wildcats have All-American candidate Willie Sojourner, who is tenth in national rebounding with a 16.6 average. The 6-8 junior also needs only eight points to crack the 1000 point mark.

Sojourner is a demon on defense. Weber leaves him to protect the middle and with his tremendous jumping ability and quickness he keeps opponents from penetrating to the bucket.

Montana coach Bob Cope said, "Sojourner killed us when Weber played Montana in Missoula. In the last five minutes of the 85-80 Montana loss, Sojourner dumped in six straight baskets and was like a one-man net on the boards."

Not only do the Wildcats have a tremendous athlete in Sojourner, but shifty Sessions Harlan ranks with the best backcourt men in the country. Last weekend Harlan was the most consistent performer for the league leaders who split a series with Idaho State. He canned 21 and 17 points each night.

Montana already got a look at what the two Idaho State guards can do. "They do everything with a basketball but make it talk," UM assistant coach Lou Rocheleau stated.

In the last game between the Bengals and Grizzlies, Willie Humes and O'Neil Simmons drew a near standing ovation from the partisan Montana crowd for their ball handling. For three minutes, the flashy dribblers frustrated Montana with their quickness and agility. The Grizzlies dropped the contest 96-89 after taking the Missoula opener 81-73.

Cope said, if the Grizzlies are to win, Montana must take control of the game and slow it down. "With the quickness of both clubs, we cannot afford to play run and gun basketball."

Cope is expected to start the Big Sky scoring leader Dave Gustafson and Don Wetzel at